M/s RPCL. It has been planned to execute the balance work at the risk and cost of M/s RPCL. M/s RPCL have filed a petition in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi seeking stay order against RITES Limited for termination of the contract and award of contract for execution of balance work to any other agency. Final judgement of Court in this regard is awaited.

Vacancies in Railways

2697. SHRI T.R.ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacant posts in Railways and its subordinate offices of the country as on 30th November, 2005, division-wise, post-wise and category-wise; and

(b) by when these vacant posts will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Dedicated freight corridor

2698. SHRI B.J.PANDA:
MS.PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new 60,000 crores Railways' proposal for a dedicated freight corridor along the Golden Quadrilateral;

(b)whether the Cabinet has cleared the proposal; and

(c) the details of the projects that would be taken up in the Orissa State to speed up freight movement under the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Ministry of Railways is examining the feasibility of developing dedicated multi-modal high axle load freight corridors with computerized train control system on Mumbai-Delhi and Delhi-Howrah routes. Ministry of Railways has assigned a detailed feasibility study to M/s. RITES (Rail India Technical and Engineering Services), a public sector enterprise under this Ministry.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not, arise.

Hubli-Ankola rail line

2699. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Hubli-Ankola new railway line project in Karnataka;

(b) the amount, so far, spent;

(c) whether the Forest Department has given clearance for taking up of the project in the forests;

(d) if so, when the clearance was given; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to get the early clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Land acquisition, earthwork and bridge works have been taken up on Hubli-Kirvatti section. Proposal for diversion of forest land for this project has been taken up with the State Government.

(b) Rs. 53.90 crore has been incurred upto March,2005.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Matter has been taken up with State Government for early forwarding of the application to the Ministry of Environment & Forest.

Khanna rail accident

2700. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the findings and follow up action on the Khanna rail accident report; and

(b) whether all the affected persons/families of Khanna (Punjab) rail accident have got the compensation?